



BROOKFIELD

Chamber of Commerce

November 2013

Message from the President

So what is happening with the Brookfield Chamber and Commerce and in Brookfield. We have been busy!!!!

So I thought it would make sense to make a list of some of the events that took place the last two months.

The Top 10 Fall Events that happen in Brookfield.

- 1.) The Kelly Miller Circus- Chamber of Commerce brought a one ring circus to Ehlert Park.
- 2.) Family Fall Fest.- A family oriented festival that takes place in Kiwanis Park with games and crafts for the whole family.
- 3.) Brookfield Art Fair- Over forty different artists showcasing their work in Kiwanis Park.
- 4.) Taste of Brookfield- A Huge Fundraiser for the Brookfield Library which features food offerings from the community.
- 5.) Oktoberfest Bar Trolley Crawl- Thirteen different Bars celebrating Oktoberfest, where people ride a trolley to the different establishments.
- 6.) Salt Creek Duck Race- A fundraiser for the Brookfield Beautification Committee that had over 500 rubber ducks race down the Salt creek to raise money to beautify Brookfield.
- 7.) Farmers Market- A great Farmers market that takes place every Saturday in the village hall parking lot through the end of October.
- 8.) Sokol Spirit Oktoberfest- An Oktoberfest with music and food that in takes place at the Sokol Spirit.
- 9.) Monsters on Mainstreet- Trick or treating in the Brookfield Business Districts.
- 10.) Boo at the Zoo- A two weekend event that turns the Zoo into a Halloween Mecca, with pumpkin carving, games, and too many other activities to mention.

It has been a busy couple of months, and there are so many great things to do in this community. So many people to thank for putting together great events. While all of these events have already taken place, most are recurring events that will be better next year. We have the Holiday Walk coming up on December 7th. So mark your calendar now, and make sure you don't miss what left!

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Think you have a team that can't be beat?
Come join us at Sokol Spirit for our annual

Adult Team Trivia Night!

When: Saturday November 16 7:00pm

Where: Sokol Spirit's lower hall

3909 S. Prairie Ave in Brookfield, IL

Details: Bring a friend, bring a team, or just bring yourself!

This event is BYOB and BYOS (snacks!)

We also have beer available for purchase.

The cost is \$10 per person. Teams (of no more than 10 people) are encouraged!

We will also have split the pot raffles.

Questions?

Call Kathy at 708-485-3269. See you there!!



Dates to Remember

Thursday, November 14th, 2013

Business Luncheon, 12pm Sawa's Old Warsaw
9200 W. Cermak Road, Broadview

Thursday, November 21st, 2013

Board Meeting, 12pm at the Brookfield
Public Library

3609 Grand Blvd, Brookfield

No after-hours

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Member Spotlight– Community Nurse Health Center



For over 90 years, Community Nurse Health Center has been providing medical and dental care to low income and uninsured residents of the Western Suburbs of Chicago. Our mission is to enhance the health of our community, focusing on those with limited access to care. Last year, we became a Federally Qualified Health Clinic. During that year, our clinics saw 2595 unduplicated patients, 504 of them from Brookfield. Community Nurse is part of a Coverage Network that includes Pillars, BEDS Plus, Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital, and over 70 area specialists. This means that as a Network partner, our patients are eligible for behavioral health care, homeless support services, diagnostic labs, and specialty care.

Our Healthy Beginnings program provides case management, social services and education in English and Spanish for expectant women and their families during the prenatal and post-partum periods. Care is provided by an RN manager, bilingual social worker and several area OB/GYN providers. This ensures that both mom and baby are as healthy as possible throughout and after the pregnancy.

Community Nurse also has a Secret Santa program which operates as a health incentive program for our pediatric patients. The goal is to build healthy habits in our younger patients. Those who visit the medical and dental clinic for their annual exams are eligible to receive donated school supplies, warm clothing and holiday gifts at the end of the year. Secret Santa is celebrating 25 years this year, and we will be having a celebration in honor of the program and it's many volunteers (known as Secret Santa Elves) in January – stay tuned for more information!

Community Nurse operates two resale shops in downtown La Grange with the help of over 200 volunteers. The Corner Shop sells furniture, home décor, china and flatware, and vintage items. The Carousel Shop sells clothing, toys, and books. Through our coverage network, BEDS Plus clients are eligible for clothing vouchers at our Carousel Shop. The revenue from our shops help support our clinics and educational programs.

For more information, visit www.communitynurse.org or contact Kristen Hermes, Manager of Events and Marketing at khermes@communitynurse.org.

Brookfield Chamber

As we approach the holiday season and the Brookfield Holiday Walk on December 7, the Brookfield Chamber of Commerce and Village of Brookfield are excited to kick off our 1st Annual Holiday Scavenger Hunt. This is a great opportunity for families to visit some of our outstanding community businesses.

Beginning November 1 and running through December 1, kids will have the opportunity to find holiday wreaths, which were made by the students at Alphabet Learning Center, for their chance to ride with Santa on his sleigh!

For more information, please contact Tait Jorgensen with Farmers Insurance at 708-680-6785.

"Hunt Sheets" can be downloaded from the chamber website: www.brookfieldchamber.net or at any of the participating businesses.